

information before us, seriously inadequate to satisfy the need"; and that even where such facilities exist it is not uncommon for too rigid a construction to be placed upon the powers of the local authority, with the result that "many women who are in real need of contraceptive advice are unable to obtain it from this source." The Report adds, "In our view this is a position which, both on general grounds and as a contribution towards a solution of the problem with which we are more particularly concerned, ought to be remedied without delay."

Much is hoped from the Committee's recommendations that the Minister of Health should bring these matters forcibly to the notice of the competent local authorities.

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### Work of the Propaganda Department

THE Propaganda Department launched a new venture on May 8th by taking a space in the Merchandise Centre, a trade exhibition situated in Oxford Street, opposite Selfridge's. The *Society's* stand was erected on the lower ground floor, where there were facilities for demonstrations and film shows, and we were able to show *From Generation to Generation* every day, to audiences totalling approximately 12,000.

The *Society's* exhibit was at the Merchandise Centre for two weeks, and during this time 59,000 people passed through the Exhibition. We made some extremely useful contacts and the management expressed surprise at the amount of interest shown by the public.

From June 12th to 17th the Department has co-operated in West Hartlepool Health Exhibition under the auspices of the Central Council for Health Education. This was a small but useful exhibition in a district which has need of eugenic propaganda.

The preparation of a new pedigree—"The Andersons of Peterhead"—is nearing completion. We have to thank Mr. B. S. Bramwell for making the material available, and for suggesting such an attractive piece of propaganda which effectively demonstrates the inheritance of a high standard of general ability through six generations. A member

of the Anderson family founded the Orient Line, with which the family has been associated ever since. During the last year we have found the "Eden" pedigree an excellent "draw," and we hope that the Andersons' will follow up the good work.

Two new population diagrams have also been prepared. One shows the population of England and Wales, split into age groups, for the years 1911 and 1936 respectively, and illustrates the effect of a falling birth-rate. The other reproduces a graph for the fertility of marriage in various social and industrial groups, and is taken from the 1911 Census Report (Vol. XIII) for England and Wales. This diagram demonstrates the fact that in 1911 there existed a differential birth-rate in this country, which was unfavourable to the skilled working and middle classes.

The usual lectures and film showings have been organised. Details of these are given on page 140.

I am very anxious to find new channels for propaganda. A.R.P. is monopolizing the time and energies of local authorities, and there will probably be no more Health Exhibitions run by the Central Council for Health Education until 1940. I should therefore be most grateful if readers of the REVIEW would send me suggestions.

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### Errata

THE following corrections have been submitted to the figures in Dr. L. S. Penrose's article on "Eugenic Prognosis with Respect to Mental Deficiency," published in the last issue of the REVIEW on p. 35.

Table I: For 90.1 read 90.4. Table III: in column 2, for 100 read 101, for 216 read 219, for 303 read 306, for 178 read 181, for 481 read 487; in column 3, for 314 read 321, for 792 read 799, for 1,124 read 1,126, for 582 read 589; in column 8, for 362 read 369, for 862 read 869, for 1,231 read 1,233, for 657 read 664, for 1,888 read 1,897. Table IV: in column 2, for 486 read 487. Page 35, column 2: for "486 sibships" read "487 sibships"; for "1,888 sibs" read "1,897 sibs."